

Si, che puoi! Beginning Italian Research

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Objectives:

- Learn the necessary components for Italian Research
- Learn the different types of records and where to find them.
- Learn where to get help from home.

What You Need:

In order to conduct Italian research, you need to have a minimum of three things:

1. Name
2. Approximate Date
3. Exact Place

Name:

- Most names that people used in the United States are Anglicized.
- You can use Google Translate to help find the Italian version of the Anglicized name.
- Some common male name examples include:
 - John – Giovanni
 - John – Giambattista
 - Joseph – Giuseppe
 - Frank – Francesco
 - Anthony/Tony – Antonio
- Some common female name examples include:
 - Josephine – Giuseppa
 - Mary – Maria
 - Joanne – Giovanna
 - Francis – Francesca

Exact Place:

- You must have the exact town!
- Be careful not to confuse a region or province with a town name.
 - Most provinces in Italy are named after the capital city.
- Learn the jurisdictions (from largest to smallest)
 - Region (Regione)
 - Province (Provincia)

- City (Comuna)
- Village (Frazione)
- Search for Italian Villages on <http://italia.indettaglio.it>

Most Commonly Used Record Types:

- Civil Registration (Found at the City Jurisdiction):
 - Main Types
 - Births (Nati/Nascita)
 - Marriages (Matrimoni)
 - Deaths (Morti)
 - Three main websites:
 - <http://www.familysearch.org>
 - <http://antenati.san.beniculturali.it>
 - <http://www.ancestry.com>
- Catholic Church (Found at the Parish which could be in the City or Village):
 - Main Types
 - Baptisms (Battesimi)
 - Marriages (Matrimoni)
 - Deaths/Burials (Morti)
 - Some are online but most are available only onsite:
 - <http://www.familysearch.org>

Where Can You Get Help:

- There are two main places to get help online:
 - FamilySearch Wiki - http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page
 - FaceBook “Southern Europe Genealogy Research Community” - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SouthernEuropeGenealogyResearchCommunity/>